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25X1 1. [redacted] Talked with Mr. Scott Peck, in the office of Senator George A. Smathers, making arrangements for him to telephone [redacted] alerting him to my visit with him on Friday. 25X1 Mr. Peck was happy to do this and assured me that [redacted] would be happy to cooperate. Subsequently, talked with Peck who had telephoned [redacted] and firmed up an appointment for 10 o'clock Friday morning and giving every indication that [redacted] would be happy to cooperate. 25X1 25X1 25X1 2. [redacted] met with Francis Hewitt, of the staff of Senate Appropriations Committee, and gave him a copy of the attached blind memorandum concerning the McLean Air Department. He inquired as to the exact amount to be included and I told him it was \$5,000 but that we did not wish this information released. He understood this and the reasons for it. He stated he thought this would satisfy the Senator and indicated that Senator A. Willis Robertson was the one involved. (It is speculated that possibly Robertson's Administrative Assistant was the one who brought this matter to the Senator's attention since Mr. STAT [redacted] is a resident in the area.) Hewitt will advise if anything further is needed on this. 25X1 3. [redacted] Talked with Bob Michaels, on the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee staff, attempting to learn the exact nature of the query from Representative Passman to AID on the AID mission in Lebanon. After checking around, Mr. Michaels advised that this question had not come up in the subcommittee and the staff man responsible for AID matters under Mr. Passman was unaware of the query. The presumption then is that Passman had done this on his own with AID. Efforts will be made to be in direct touch with the AID man who received the query from Passman in order to arrange an appropriate meeting with Passman.

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